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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

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ATTACHMENT 1(d)

<b>EXPLANATIONS OF RELEVANCY OF REFERENCES</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	SERIAL NO.
	1083.1005-D/MDS	Unassigned
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The reference A Technique for 2.5-Dimensional Simple Scenic Model Construction for Scene Simulation relates to a model for scene simulation.

JP 3-244005 relates to a process for graphically displaying 3-dimensional objects.

JP 62-162173 also relates to a process for graphically displaying a 3-dimensional object.

JP 3-138784 relates to a process for reconstructing and displaying a 3-dimensional model.